

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons, Pastor
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Mrs. Mary LaBianca, Adult Choir Director
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Masses

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday 8:00, 10:30 a.m.
 Weekdays 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days 7:00 p.m. [Vigil]
 8:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 or by appointment

Baptism

Every Weekend after Mass on request. Baptismal preparation classes are the first Saturday of every month at 10:00 a.m. in the classrooms above the church. Please call the rectory in advance to schedule class attendance and Baptism.

Sponsors

Parishioners need to meet with Msgr. Koons to determine whether they are eligible to serve as a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation. Please call the rectory.

Marriage

Please call the rectory at least one year in advance to schedule a wedding. Attendance at diocesan Marriage Preparation Classes is required six months prior to the wedding date, as well as three or four sessions with the priest. Current Baptism and Confirmation certificates are needed for the Catholic parties. In the case of previously existing marriages, a death certificate or declaration of nullity is necessary before another marriage can be considered.

Parish Registration

New parishioners living in the parish boundaries are asked to register at the rectory. Please notify the rectory if you change your address or phone number or move out of the parish.

Communion to the Sick

Communion is taken to the sick after the Sunday Masses and on First Fridays. The Anointing of the Sick is celebrated with individual homebound parishioners on First Fridays several times a year. Please call the rectory to request being included on the homebound Communion list.

Please call the rectory when parishioners are admitted to a local hospital.

Parish Activities/Contacts

Adult Education	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559	Lectors	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559
Adult Prayer Group	Vincent Santucci.....	610-262-8428	Ministry to the Sick	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Altar Servers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Music Ministry/Choir	Karen Glose.....	610-691-0525
Baptismal Prep Classes	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Nthmp Area Food Bank	Bella Skweir.....	610-262-2673
Blood Drive	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491	Parish Family Picnic	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Chi-Rho Volunteers	Jane Spengler.....	610-262-8138	Persons w/Disabilities Rep.	Susan Parker.....	610-262-7343
Church Cleaning Teams	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	Prayer Chain	Priscilla Koch.....	610-428-9053
CYO	Tim Gribb	610-762-9072	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Mary LaBianca.....	610-502-0160
Eucharistic Ministers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Pro-Life Activities	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Finance Committee	Drew Maron.....	610-393-9126	Religious Education	Susan Parker.....	610-262-7343
Fund Raising	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	RENEW Group	Charlie Walsh.....	610-837-0376
Grocery Certificates	GSCS Office.....	610-262-9171	RCIA	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Greeters	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Ushers	Michael Sommer.....	610-262-7904
Grief Support	Rosemarie Pengitore.....	484-226-0188	Young at Heart	Anna Hudock.....	610-262-3478
Hospitality Committee	Jane Spengler.....	610-262-8138	Youth Activities	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491
Knights of Columbus Council #4050.....		484-540-5090			

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Sep. 24, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Sharon Pruzinsky	John and Betty Toolan and Family
Sep. 25, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Gavalla	Tina Deutsch
Sep. 26, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Rosalia M. Galluzzo	M/M Dominick Galluzzo and Family
Sep. 27, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Special Intention	Family
Sep. 28, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Frank Serensits	Wife, Elaine, and Family
Sep. 29, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Thomas Marakovits	Wife, Ruth, and Family
Sep. 30, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Lucille Mikulcik	Husband, Paul, and Family
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	

Next Week's Schedule:	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
Sep. 29, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	S. Parker	C. Marth	J. Warren/A. Colandrea	L. Bet/P. Schuler
Sep. 30, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	E. Confer	B. Fritz	K. Cuchran/W. Cuchran	N. Birosik/D. Cesanek
10:30 a.m.	K. Stayt	L. Santucci	A. Miletics/K. Lesisko	H. Stempo/B. Yezzo

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Helen Filipovits requested by Steve Marsch.

PLEASE PRAY for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish.

Good News!

September 23, 2018

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37

The Master of Fossa, a painter of unknown name, traveled the Umbrian region, creating works of Franciscan spirituality. This panel interprets the scenes of the passion and death of Christ as an act of service to poor sinners. The souls of his brothers and sisters were dirty. And yet he comes down from heaven, bends over our iniquity, and gently takes us into his hands while nursing us back to cleanliness and life.

Christ's greatness is revealed in his service. "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all" (Mark 9:35). Jesus didn't wish to be first; he merely wished to be faithful. His goal was to love the Father and win us back, and that meant service and the cross.

In this detail of the painting, Peter is on his papal throne while Jesus kneels in front of him. What a role reversal! Peter should be washing Jesus' feet, but no. Even Peter tried to reject this act of service, but Jesus insisted, or else Peter could have no part in his reign.

Peter needed to be washed and purified before serving and sanctifying others. So, it is with us. During this Mass, allow your soul to be taken into Jesus' hands. Feel him cleanse you, pouring his warm grace over your wounds. Accept his gentle, loving attention as he caresses, dries, and restores you. Only when you have known his mercy and love can you then be an agent of that love to others.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Calendar:

Monday - September 24

Weekday

Prv 3:27-34

Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday - September 25

Weekday

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13

Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday - September 26

Weekday

Prv 30:5-9

Lk 9:1-6

Thursday - September 27

St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

Eccl 1:2-11

Lk 9:7-9

Friday - September 28

Weekday

Eccl 3:1-11

Lk 9:18-22

Saturday - September 29

Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and

Raphael, Archangels

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

Jn 1:47-51

Sunday - September 30

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Nm 11:25-29

Jas 5:1-6

Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

PREP CLASSES : Sundays, 9:00 - 10:05 a.m.
PRAYER SHAWL MEETING: 3rd Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.
7th & 8th GRADE PREP : Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
CHOIR REHEARSAL : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
ADORATION : Friday, Oct. 5, after Mass
BAPTISMAL PREP : Saturday, Oct. 6, 10 a.m.
BLESSING OF ANIMALS : Sunday, October 7, 11:30 a.m.
GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, October 14
BREAKFAST : Sunday, October 28



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Hilda and Walter Holmes. They were donated by son, Bill, and Family.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Anyone interested in learning more about Catholicism is invited to consider participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.). Meetings will begin in September and meet weekly through May 2019. Please call the rectory and leave your name and phone number so Msgr. Koons can give you more information.



BLESSING OF ANIMALS: In observance of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, Assumption BVM Parish will have a Blessing of Animals on the rectory lawn (corner of 22nd Street and Lincoln Avenue) on **Sunday, October 7 at 11.30 a.m.** After a brief prayer service, the

animals will be blessed. Bring your dogs, cats, birds and other pets to this celebration. Please make sure that animals are leashed or caged for their safety.

"DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY": Sunday, October 14, our Hospitality Committee will be hosting "Donut/Giving Sunday". Join us after the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses for coffee, donuts and fellowship in our social hall. Parishioners are encouraged to bring cans of potatoes, boxes of Jell-O or pudding. Your gifts will be brought to the altar during the preparation of the gifts. **This month's donuts are being donated by Marie Bitenc in memory of her husband, Herb Bitenc.**



SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Breakfast will be served after both Masses on **Sunday, October 28.**

Please support this fund-raising effort of the parish and enjoy a hearty, homemade breakfast with your friends. Menu includes: French toast, pancakes, scrambled eggs or omelet, ham, sausage or bacon, hash browns, toast, juice, coffee, tea. Cost \$7.00 adults/\$3.00 children. **Tickets on sale at the door.** Thank you all for supporting this parish fundraiser.

MEN'S CONFERENCE: Spiritual Combat: Armed with the Spirit – This year's Diocesan Men's Conference will be held on **Saturday, November 3, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** at DeSales University. The day will include keynote addresses, exhibits and a Vigil Mass with The Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, Bishop of Allentown. Continental breakfast and lunch are included. General Admission is \$40 and the High School/College rate is \$15. For more information or to register visit www.allentowndiocese.org/mens-conference. Questions can be directed to mensconference@allentowndiocese.org or (610) 289-8900, Ext. 2028.

CHOIR REHEARSAL for Christmas and weekly Mass will be held Wednesday evenings **starting this Wednesday, September 26, from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.** (we are usually finished before 9:00 p.m.). As always, we're looking for new members. If you like to sing please consider joining this group of wonderful people with hearts of service who join together in something so much bigger than themselves. For us joining our voices in praise is the closest thing to Heaven that we can experience here on earth. If you are unable to make a commitment for weekend Masses, please consider joining us just for Christmas, when we sing at the 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. If you have any questions, please call Karen at 610-691-0525.

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of James Kovacs:** \$25 Helen, Steve and Stephanie Kerbacher; \$20 Betty and Richard Panik.

RACE FOR EDUCATION: The Good Shepherd School community will have their annual Race for Education on Friday, October 5. This is our largest and most successful fundraiser of the school year! There will be a second collection the weekend of October 6/7 to support our students and our school. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generous support.

A NIGHT AT THE RACES: Good Shepherd Catholic School presents "A Night at the Races" on Saturday, November 3, 2018 in the School Gym. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Food will be served at 6:30 p.m. Racing begins at 7:00 p.m. To buy a horse, buy your tickets or for more information please call the school at 610-262-9171. You must be 21 years or over for this special event! Limited to the first 300 tickets! Cost is \$20 per ticket.

INK CARTRIDGE AND TONER RECYCLING: Recycle your empty ink and toner cartridges and Assumption B.V.M. Church will get \$2 back in Staples Rewards® for each one. So not only will we save on future purchases, but we can also feel good about reducing waste in our landfills. Please deposit them in the box located in the vestibule. **Did you know?** In 2011, Staples U.S. customers recycled more than 67 million ink and toner cartridges. Their goal is to recycle 100 million each year, globally, by 2020.

SAVE ALUMINUM PULLTABS: Save the pull tabs from cans of soda and bring them to the church. Place them in the receptacle in the lobby of the church. Tabs will be taken to the Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia. The tabs are recycled and generate income to defray the cost of running the Ronald McDonald House, where parents of chronically ill children stay while their children are being treated in nearby hospitals.

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